

portions being flexible, such that as the members are moved apart or together when the catch members are in the locked position, the shafts flex to keep the projections engaged with one another.

2. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of one of the catch members is capable of permanently deforming as the first and second members are moved.

3. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shaft of each catch member flexes away from the member to which it is attached as the members are moved apart.

4. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the catch members comprise a material which has a Young's Modulus of more than 62GNm^{-2} (9×10^6 psi).

5. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 4, wherein the catch members comprise a material which has a Young's modulus of at least 103GNm^{-2} (15×10^6 psi).

6. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the catch members comprise metal or plastics.

7. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 6, wherein the catch members comprise at least one of UPVC, aluminum, iron or stainless steel.

8. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shaft moves angularly as it flexes.

9. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 8, wherein the shaft is capable of moving through at least 25° from its rest position during flexing.

10. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shaft of the

catch members is "L" shaped with one end of the L being attached to the respective member and the projection being attached to the other end of the shaft.

11. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 10, wherein the shaft flexes such that the angle at the corner of the L is varied as the members are moved apart or together.

12. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, having a plurality of said catch members.

13. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 12, wherein the plurality of catches are arranged along a whole length of at least one of the first and second members.

14. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 12, wherein at least one catch is orientated in a first orientation, and at least one other catch is oriented in a second orientation.

15. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 14, wherein the first orientation is substantially opposite to the second orientation.

16. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 14, wherein a plurality of catches are oriented in a first orientation and a plurality of catches are oriented in a second orientation wherein the catches of the first orientation are alternately arranged with the catches of the second orientation.

17. (Previously Amended) A catch assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a lock member wherein the lock member is configured to move the first and second catch members into a locked position.

18. (Currently Amended) A catch assembly according[ly] to claim 17, wherein movement of the lock affects movement of a catch member.

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19. (Original) A catch assembly according to claim 17, wherein movement of the lock affects movement of a member and a catch member.

20. (Previously Amended) A sliding member assembly, comprising first and second members wherein at least one member slides relative to the other member and a catch assembly according to claim 1.

21. (Currently amended) A sliding member assembly according to claim 20, comprising at least two first catch members [at lease] wherein a first catch member being located on opposing sides of the first member.

22. (Previously Amended) A sliding member assembly according to claim 20, wherein the first member is a sliding door, sliding window, sliding grille or a drawer.

23. (Previously Amended) A hinged member assembly, comprising first and second members wherein the first member is a hinged member and is capable of being secured in a closed position to the second member, the assembly further comprising a catch assembly for securing the first and second members together, wherein the catch assembly is a catch assembly according to claim 1.

24. (Original) A hinged member assembly according to claim 23, wherein the first member is a hinged door, hinged window or hinged grille.

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